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### **PRESS RELEASE**

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, today presented Scott County Deputy Prosecutor Cheryl Hillenburg of Milltown with the U.S. Attorney's Office Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Rights of Victims at a ceremony held at Indiana University Southeast at the annual sexual assault service training which Hillenburg founded six years ago.

Hillenburg has given exemplary service to the citizens of Crawford, Harrison, Jackson, Perry and Scott counties through her service on the Board of Directors for the Southern Indiana Regional Alliance to Prevent Exploitation, Inc., a sexual assault treatment center in Milltown, and on the Board of Directors at Crisis Connection, Inc., a victim service provider in Jasper.

Brooks said, "As the federal prosecutor, I often see only the worst side of people, but Cheryl's selfless commitment to others is a true model of citizenship and service. As we celebrate National Crime Victims Rights' Week, it is important that we take pause and say

‘thank you’ to those who devote their lives to supporting victims through their healing process.”

The nine county training, at which Hillenburg was recognized today, prepares nurses, law enforcement officers, prosecutors and victim advocates for examination, treatment, investigation and prosecution of sexual assault crimes. Hillenburg also organized training for Harrison County advocates to enable them to form the Harrison County Child Advocacy Team which works to ensure child sexual abuse investigators consider the unique needs of children.

The U. S. Attorney’s Award was established in 1991 to recognize those who have made a significant contribution in the area of victims’ rights in celebration of National Crime Victims Rights’ Week.

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